

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

Sponsored Bike Ride – 21 June

This went very well. However, in future, Christine stated that all children taking part must be accompanied by an adult as unfortunately one child was left alone for all the sessions.

Summer Disco – 6 July

Catherine had spoken to Donna about the declining attendance at recent discos. Donna runs most of her other school discos immediately after school has finished in the afternoon and on the last day of term. She also suggested face painting which she did on 6 July and which proved to be very popular. Attendance at the summer disco appeared to have increased and the takings were up on the Easter discos.

Moving forward, it was decided to keep to 2 discos per school year, one in the summer and one at Christmas.

Christine reported that she had received complaints from the Caretaker re cleaning up. PFA had not been able to Hoover the foyer or clean toilet floors, etc as the cleaning equipment had not been left out. Dave Lindsay was made aware on the night. Christine reported that unfortunately Jan had been ill on the Friday and therefore the cleaning equipment had not been left out. Keys for Jan's cupboard to be put on the letting keys in future and itemised on the letting form.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sports Activity Fun Day –13 July

Decision will be made on Wednesday as to whether this will go ahead if the inclement weather continues, with Monday, 16 July as the contingency. The Summer Fayre stalls will still go ahead on Friday whatever the weather and parents will be invited to the school hall instead. We will not be able to go ahead with the BBQ if it is wet/raining. Tinned hot dogs to be used as contingency.

ACTION: Sheelagh to buy bread rolls.

EVENTS – QUESTIONNAIRE

This is now ready to be distributed with the newsletter this week (one per child) and to be returned before the end of term. Choc ice /ice lolly for all children in the class with the most returns.

ACTION: Christine to arrange distribution.

POND PROJECT

Plans have finally been received from the Council. These have been the main hold up and unfortunately are very poor and disappointing. Chris attended a Grounds and Maintenance Planning Course and showed the Committee photos of the grounds from the school where it had been held. The Lecturer and Designer is coming to the school on 16 July at 09.00 to look at the pond area/grounds and will then take the plan and turn it into a design. The children will also be able to make suggestions for the design.

It is important that we get this right so the work the PFA did clearing the area is not a waste of time. The Governors are deciding whether to put a security fence down the side to prevent people climbing up and damaging the roof.

WEB SITE

David is co-ordinating any PFA updates. There is a drive and commitment within the school to get this up together. Christine has said that Eira will make any changes if contacted by phone.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chris announced that he would be stepping down as Chair and from the Committee at the end of the school year. He had had a lot of fun but more recently things hadn't been as "fun" as they might have been. He said the Committee/School would benefit from new blood and fresh ideas and he wanted to focus more on his role as Governor.

Andy and George also resigned from the Committee. They were sad to be leaving, but it was time to move on and let others make a contribution. Andy appreciated that we had made a mistake in the way we handled the funding for Yvonne's party but still felt it was the right decision. He was disappointed about the reaction to his wife's input and felt this hadn't been valued, since without her support he would not have been able to attend meetings, support events, etc.

Christine stated that she did not want anyone to resign because of any bad feeling. The real issue with Yvonne's party was that the money had been made available at one PFA meeting and then the decision was taken at the next meeting to withdraw those funds. The PFA should have come back sooner rather than wait until the next meeting a month later to withdraw the funding. Fortunately, the Governors were able to help support the event through the building fund and not public funds.

Christine thanked Chris, Andy and George for everything they had done on the Committee over the years and was extremely sorry to see them leave.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

Play Area

We have received a quote for rubber matting for play area for £5,253. It will be impractical to replace the bark with rubber matting, as we will need to dig out the bark which could disturb the structure. It would be better to supply new kickboard and fill back up with bark.

Screens

Request from Lucy Wilde for £300 to purchase screens which could be used for costume changing between performances at the sides of stage. Also to act as dividers in research area and display boards. Not agreed.

ACTION: Christine to follow up with Lucy.

Year 6 Leavers Production – 17 July

Request for funding for snacks/cakes for 33 children and parents following production. Agreed - £60 cash handed to Christine.

PFA to run free bar.

ACTION: Catherine to buy 6 x red/white wine, 48 cans soft drinks, water.

Props

Request for £54 was agreed at the last meeting for props for Year 6 production. However, when the form was submitted this increased to £150 which Chris authorised without realising the increase.

In future, all requests for funding must be outlined on the correct form and submitted to the monthly PFA meeting to be agreed.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

PFA – need to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to elect a Chair and Vice Chair plus new Committee.

Pond Project Update

Bike Ride – reminder to send in sponsorship money.

ACTION: Christine/Shellie to organise.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bike Racks

Still not ordered but could be put up during summer holidays. Need to establish whether we are using a preferred supplier.

ACTION: Christine to find out.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Week commencing 10 September. Reminder to be sent out during first week back at school week commencing 3 September.

ACTION: Christine to organise.